

Attorney Docket No. 11055010.0035US0SOLE/JOINT INVENTOR
ORIGINAL/SUBSTITUTE/CIP**DECLARATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RETURN OF DRILLING FLUID FROM A SEALED MARINE RISER TO
A FLOATING DRILLING RIG WHILE DRILLING**

as described in the specification [X] attached or [] of patent Application Serial No. _____, filed _____ and amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representative or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a). Such information is material when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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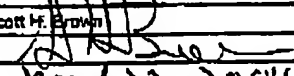
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)**SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: Don M. Hannegan and Darryl A BourgoyneApplication No./Patent No.: _____ Filed/Issue Date: ConcurrentlyEntitled: Method and System for Return of Drilling Fluid From a Sealed Marine Riser to a Floating Drilling Rig While Drilling

Weatherford/Lamb, Inc.

a corporation

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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